

from FCC Chairman Wiley; and Ethel Walsh, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Select Committee on Narcotics: Met for committee organization.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits continued oversight hearings on inequalities in the preventive health services offered to Federal employees. Testimony was heard from Dan L. McGurk, Associate Director, Human and Community Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

PROBLEMS FACING PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Select Committee on Professional Sports: Continued hearings on problems facing professional sports and the Federal laws under which they operate. Testimony was heard from National Basketball Association Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien; and NBA owners Bill Albertson, Milwaukee Bucks, and Michael Burk, New York Knicks.

ENERGY CONSERVATION IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds continued hearings on Title II of H.R. 14415, Demonstration and Standards—overall responsibility of GSA for improved energy conservation and use in Federal buildings. Testimony was heard from representatives of Solar Energy Industries Association; Sheet Metal Workers Association; and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries.

INTEREST ON BONDS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing on H.R. 11069, to authorize payment of interest on bonds the proceeds of which were used for projects on the interstate system. Testimony was heard from representatives of American Association of State Highways Transportation Officials; Tennessee Department of Transportation; Iowa Department of Transportation; and Alabama State Highway Department.

REDUCED AIR FARES

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on bills to permit CAB to approve reduced air fares on a space-available basis for persons 65 years of age and over, 21 years of age and below, and the severely handicapped. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matsunaga, Addabbo, and Bob Wilson; James Deegan, CAB; Don-

ald T. Bliss, Acting General Counsel, DOT; Gabriel Phillips, Vice President of Traffic, ATA; James Gaskel, National Federation of the Blind; Reese Robrahan, American Council of the Blind; and John Martin, National Retired Teachers Association.

SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule making it in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill S. 3735 and consider the bill in the House, to establish and implement the Swine Flu immunization program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers, Moss, Dingell, Eckhardt, Flowers, Carter, and Brown of Ohio.

SOLID WASTE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 14965 as amended, Solid Waste Research and Development Act of 1976.

COAL MINING RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on ERDA-Fossil Fuels continued oversight hearings on coal mining research and development. Testimony was heard from Dr. S. W. Gouse, ERDA; Dr. Steven Gage, EPA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue Wednesday, August 25.

Joint Committee Meeting

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT DEPENDENTS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 3052, authorizing utilization of funds for orientation and language training of dependents of Agriculture Department employees who have foreign assignments.

Monday, August 23, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 27026-27089

Bills Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3756-3758; and S. Res. 518-519.

Pages 27027, 27032, 27049

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3035, requiring the payment of interest on certain funds of the U.S. held on deposit in commercial banks, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1150);

H.R. 12934, proposing reform in the operation of the Federal Reserve System, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1151);

S. 400, authorizing feasibility study on establishing as a national historic site the Frederick Law Olmstead Home and Office in Brookline, Mass., with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1152);

S. 3419, authorizing feasibility study on the acquisition and operation of a National Museum of Afro-American History and Culture at or near Wilberforce, Ohio, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1153);

S. 3441, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to maintain (for 2 years) certain historical sections of the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., and to provide a study with a view to its permanent maintenance (S. Rept. 94-1154);

S. 3681, to guarantee certain obligations of the Guam Power Authority (S. Rept. 94-1155);

S.J. Res. 139, providing for a study to determine the feasibility of accepting St. Paul's Church, Eastchester, Mt. Vernon, New York, as a historic site, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1156);

H.R. 10370, to increase from five to six the number of members of the Advisory Commission for the Canaveral National Seashore, Fla. (S. Rept. 94-1157);

H.R. 13713, authorizing funds for acquisition of numerous units and areas for inclusion in our National Park System, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1158); and

S. Res. 495, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to Senate consideration of H.R. 10138, to create the Young Adult Conservation Corps to complement the Youth Conservation Corps, together with minority views (S. Rept. 94-1159).

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Measures Passed:

Philippines Earthquake: Senate agreed to S. Res. 518, expressing sympathy to and supporting assistance for relief and rehabilitation of victims of the recent earthquake in the Philippines.

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Condolence Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, expressing the sorrow of the Senate with respect to the death of Hazel R. Garn, wife of the Senator from Utah.

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Montana Wilderness Study: Senate passed and sent to the House S. 393, to provide for the study of certain lands in Montana to determine their suitability for designation as wilderness, after agreeing to committee substitute amendment which had at first been amended by adoption of Mansfield unprinted amendment No. 364, having the effect of allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to consider and act on application to construct a transmission line to supply electric service to the Big Sky complex.

Pages 27030-27031

Bill Referred: H.R. 13372, wild and scenic rivers (New River) was referred to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Pages 27048-27049

Messages From the House: Four messages were received from the House.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Postal Service Organization and Financing: Senate began consideration of H.R. 8603, to amend the laws with respect to organizational and financial matters of the United States Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission, agreeing to two amendments as follows:

(1) McGee unprinted amendment No. 365, en bloc, of a technical nature; and

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(2) By 60 yeas to 13 nays, Randolph unprinted amendment No. 366, requiring Postal Service, prior to making a determination as to the necessity for closing a post office, to provide notice of at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of such closing. (Motion to table rejected by 17 yeas to 58 nays.)

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Pending at recess was Hollings amendment No. 2201, in the nature of a substitute, modified to include language of Randolph unprinted amendment No. 366.

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By unanimous consent it was agreed that when Senate resumes consideration of this bill at 10 a.m. tomorrow, time for debate on pending amendment will be limited to 4 hours, with vote on question of its adoption to occur no later than 2 p.m.; to be followed by 2 amendments which may be offered by Senator Dole—20-minute time limitation on each; to be followed by 2 amendments which may be offered by Senator Helms—30-minute time limitation on each.

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Pages 27089-27131

Presidential Message: Senate received a message from the President setting forth his recommendations for legislative action with regard to defense budget matters—referred jointly to Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and the Budget.

Pages 27044-27046

Presidential Communication: Communication was received from the President notifying the Senate of his intention to designate Portugal as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences provided for in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974—referred to Committee on Finance.

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Committee Authority To Sit: Several committees were authorized to sit during sessions of the Senate on specific days this week.

Pages 27026-27027, 27132

Treaties Reported: The following two treaties were reported on Friday, August 20, during adjournment of the Senate: International Coffee Agreement (Ex. H, 94th Cong., 2d sess.) Ex. Rept. 94-30, and the Inter-

national Wheat Agreement, 1976 (Ex. I, 94th Cong., 2d sess.) Ex. Rept. 94-31.

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Treaties Approved: By unanimous votes of 76 yeas, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to Resolutions of Ratification to International Coffee Agreement, 1976 (Ex. H. 94th Cong., 2d sess.), and the International Wheat Agreement, 1976 (Ex. I, 94th Cong., 2d sess.).

Pages 27032-27044, 27097-27098

Nominations: The following nominations were received on August 12, during adjournment of the Senate.

Wilfred J. Smith, of Virginia, to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States; and

Sundry nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Nominations received today:

William G. Bradford, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad;

Robert J. McCloskey, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands;

Susan B. Gordon, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

One Army nomination in the rank of General.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today (total—519).

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Recess: Senate met at noon and recessed at 5:16 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

MILITARY ACADEMY DISCIPLINE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel resumed hearings on honor codes and overall discipline problems at the military academies, receiving testimony from Secretary of the Army Martin Hoffmann and Lt. General Sidney Berry, Superintendent of West Point Military Academy, New York.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

HUD BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee began oversight hearings on the Community Development Block Grant program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, receiving testimony from Professor Victor Bach, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Government, Austin, Texas; Peter Petkas, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta; M. Howard Rienstra, Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Joseph Guggenheim, Coalition for Block Grant Compliance, Detroit; and Betty Adams,

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Government Operations: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine Federal narcotics enforcement programs, receiving testimony from Peter B. Bensinger, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 15195-15230; 5 private bills, H.R. 15231-15236; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1051 and 1052, H. Con. Res. 714-716, and H. Res. 1478-1481 were introduced.

Pages 27236-27238

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on S. 3052, to amend section 602 of the Agricultural Act of 1954; filed on Wednesday, August 11, (H. Rept. 94-1424);

H.R. 15194, making appropriations for public works employment for fiscal year 1977; filed on Thursday, August 12, (H. Rept. 94-1425);

H.R. 13828, to strengthen the authority of the Administrator of General Services with respect to records management by Federal agencies (H. Rept. 94-1426);

H.R. 13160, to designate certain lands within units of the National Park System as wilderness; and to revise the boundaries of certain of those units (H. Rept. 94-1427);

S. 2371, to provide for the regulation of mining activity within, and to repeal the application of mining laws to, areas of the National Park System (H. Rept. 94-1428);

H.R. 14451, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to permit the donation of Federal surplus personal property to the States and local organizations for public purposes, (H. Rept. 94-1429); (reports 94-1426 to 1429 filed on Friday, August 13);

H.R. 15068, to provide for emergency allotment lease and transfer of tobacco allotments or quotas for 1976 in certain disaster areas in South Carolina (H. Rept. 94-1430);

Report entitled "Report of the Committee on House Administration pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 94-1431); and

H.R. 15116, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 to provide an obligation limitation for fiscal year 1977 (H. Rept. 94-1432).

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Tax Reform: House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 10612, an act to reform the tax laws of the United States; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Ullman, Burke of Massachusetts, Rostenkowski, Landrum, Vanik, Schneebeli, and Conable.

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Presidential Veto Message: Received and read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 12944, to extend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for six months—ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-585).

Subsequently, agreed to a motion that the message, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Farmer-to-Consumer Marketing: House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 10339, the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1975; and asked a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Vigorito, Poage, Bergland, Brown of California, Richmond, Findley, and Johnson of Colorado.

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Late Report: Committee on Public Works and Transportation received permission to file a report by midnight tonight on H.R. 15116, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 to provide an obligation limitation for fiscal year 1977.

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D.C. Legislation: Consideration of legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia was in order, and the following bills were called up, considered, and passed:

Pretrial release or detention: H.R. 14957, to amend title 23 of the District of Columbia Code with respect to the release or detention prior to trial of persons charged with certain violent or dangerous criminal offenses.

Agreed to a technical amendment;

Borrowing authority: H.R. 14971, to amend the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act with respect to the borrowing authority of the District of Columbia (passed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 122 nays); and

Criminal laws: H.R. 12261, two-year extension of prohibition against the Council's revising the criminal laws.

Agreed to an amendment which includes the police department within the restrictions of the bill (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 92 nays).

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Committee Resignations: Read and accepted letters from Representative Evins wherein he resigns as Chairman and member of the Committee on Small Business effective August 30; and Representative Hungate where-

in he resigns as a member of the Committee on Small Business effective September 7.

Pages 27148-27149, 27157

D.C. Audit: House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 11009, to provide for an independent audit of the financial condition of the government of the District of Columbia—clearing the measure for the Senate.

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Toxic Substances: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 319 yeas to 45 nays, the House passed H.R. 14032, Toxic Substances Control Act.

Rejected a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Agreed to:

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute;

A technical and clarifying amendment;

A series of amendments which prohibit the manufacture of PCBs for nonenclosed uses within one year and for any type of use within two years;

An amendment which provides for a congressional veto of rules promulgated pursuant to the bill (agreed to by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 157 noes). Previously, rejected by a division vote of 19 yeas to 41 noes;

An amendment which authorizes grants to states for protection programs in dealing with concentrated problems of toxic chemicals;

An amendment reducing for small businesses the maximum fee requirement to defray administrative costs in submitting data for testing or processing notices;

An amendment requiring the disclosure of officials of the EPA who have financial interests in any company affected by the provisions of the bill;

An amendment increasing the first three year authorization levels for carrying out the provisions of the bill; and

A series of clarifying amendments relative to the conducting of the research programs authorized by the bill.

Rejected:

Two amendments en bloc which sought to prevent undue testing requirements on small businesses developing mixtures of compounds not listed on EPA priority list of chemicals (rejected by a division vote of 10 yeas to 15 noes);

A series of amendments which sought to amend the definition of exempt substances to include small quantities of chemicals sold for research purposes; and

An amendment which sought to permit the Administrator to give preference to tests not involving animals if those tests provided sufficient means for ascertaining the health and environmental effects of a chemical (rejected by a division vote of 14 yeas to 19 noes).

Subsequently, this passage was vacated, and S. 3149, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. The House then insisted on its amendments and

requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Murphy of New York, Stuckey, Eckhardt, Metcalfe, McCollister, and Broyhill.

H. Res. 1458, the rule under which the bill was considered, was adopted earlier by a voice vote.

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Gas Pipeline Safety: House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 12168, to amend the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 to authorize additional appropriations, and agreed to the conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Dingell, Wirth, Sharp, Brodhead, Brown of Ohio, and Moorhead of California.

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Presidential Message—Defense Budget: Received and read a message from the President requesting supplemental defense procurement authorizations for fiscal year 1977—referred to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-586).

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF IRRIGABLE LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources met and approved for full committee action H.R. 13101 amended, to provide for the consideration of the comparative productive potential of irrigable lands in determining non-excess acreage under Federal reclamation laws.

PUERTO RICO-UNITED STATES COMPACT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs met and approved for full committee action H.R. 11200 as amended, to approve the Compact of Permanent Union Between Puerto Rico and the United States.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation met and approved for full committee action H.R. 15166, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 to provide an obligation limitation for fiscal year 1977.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 15116 (title above).

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on committee business relating to request for rule on H.R. 14844, Estate and Gift Tax Reform Act of 1976.

Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 27285-27379

Bills Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3759-3768; and S. Res. 520.

Pages 27293, 27301

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 67, requesting the President to express the concern of the United States Government for the safety and freedom of Valentyn Moroz, historian, writer, and spokesman for the cultural integrity of the Ukrainian people (S. Rept. 94-1160);

S. 3179, authorizing applications for court orders approving the use of electronic surveillance to obtain foreign intelligence information, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1161);

S. 3395, authorizing funds for construction of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah project, with an amendment, (S. Rept. 94-1162).

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Bills Referred: H.R. 14957, D.C. pretrial release or detention, and H.R. 14971, D.C. Government borrowing authority, were referred to Committee on the District of Columbia.

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Message From the House: One message was received from the House.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

Pages 27301-27302

Bills Passed:

Postal Service Organization and Financing: By 79 yeas to 9 nays, Senate passed H.R. 8603, to amend the laws with respect to organizational and financial matters of the United States Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission, after agreeing to committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, to which Senate had at first taken action on additional proposed amendments, as follows:

Adopted:

(1) Moss amendment No. 2083, increasing from 15 pounds and 60 inches in girth to 70 pounds and 100 inches in girth, respectively, the weight and size limitations for parcel post packages which may be shipped